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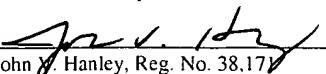
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For the purpose of addressing informalities, please also amend the claims as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please enter amended claims 8, 9 and 10 and substitute the amended claims for the pending claims with the same numbers.

8. (Amended) The medical apparatus of claim 1, further comprising:

a compressed condition defining a reduced inner diameter and outer diameter, wherein

or
JMB, the medical apparatus is capable of compression to the compressed condition.



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